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In re application of: Katzutaka Shibata and  
Tsunemori Yamaguchi

Attorney Docket No.: 8046037US0  
(ROHMP037)

Application No.: 09/204,123 ✓

Examiner: S. Smith

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Group: 3729

Title: METHOD OF SURFACE-MOUNTING  
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
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- ☐ a. Applicant hereby petitions for a month extension of time.
- ☒ b. Applicant believes that no (additional) extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ROHMP037).
- ☒ c. Enclosed is our Check No. 5049 in the amount of \$740 to cover the RCE fee, and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. ROHMP037).

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 6, 2001 in the above-referenced application, for which a request for continued examination is being submitted simultaneously herewith, applicant amends the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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*DL*
1. (Thrice amended) A method of surface-mounting a plurality of electronic components having conductive connecting members, said method comprising the steps of:  
providing a target surface having a plurality of specified terminal-forming areas thereon, each of said specified terminal-forming areas including at least one terminal part